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1. The National Council of the National Front allegedly had a card file in May 1953 which contained 20,000 names of West German residents. By October 1953, this file was increased to a proximately 40,000 names.

2. The individual file cards contain the following information:

- a. Name
- b. Trade or Profession
- c. Address
- d. Employed or unemployed
- e. If applicable, membership in KPD and date of entry into Party.

Each card was marked with a letter or a number, the significance of which was not known.

3. All persons whose names appeared in the card file were constantly sent propaganda literature by the National Front. The two brigades in the National Council which are responsible for the shipping of this material consist of about 15 persons each who prepared a daily average of 4,000 to 5,000 individual pieces of propaganda for shipment. Various-sized properly addressed bundles of this material were then sent to many different post offices in East Germany for mailing to the Federal Republic. 1/

4. Propaganda material sent to individuals residing in Western countries is always included as an attachment to a personal letter written by an employee of the National Council.

5. The origin of the addresses in the card file is not known, but all employees of the National Council, including secretaries, charwomen, etc., are constantly urged to submit the addresses of relatives and acquaintances in West Berlin and West Germany. The National Council allegedly employs about 250 people.

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The National Council fears that thousands of letters all coming from East Berlin would arouse the suspicions of the West German postal authorities.

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